

REMARKS

Reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of any changes to the claims and the remarks herein. Please contact the undersigned to conduct a telephone interview in accordance with MPEP 713.01 to resolve any remaining requirements and/or issues prior to sending another Office Action. Relevant portions of MPEP 713.01 are included on the signature page of this amendment.

Claims 29-52 have been rejected under 35 USC 112, first paragraph. Applicants respectfully disagree and request withdrawal of this rejection. Applicants' specification has written descriptive support for "prior to constructing ... with the texture recited in claim 29. Applicants' Fig. 13 shows "flattened ball 104." Paragraph [0056] teaches, "[i]n a preferred embodiment the sacrificial substrate to which wires are bonded have an array of pits which result in protrusions 150 which can have a predetermined shape such as hemisphere or pyramid."

Details on how to fabricate such a structure are incorporated by reference in patent application serial no.: 07/963,346 filed 10/19/1992, now as issued patent 5,371,654. See specification paragraph [0056] which describes elements 104 and 150 formed using a sacrificial substrate as further described in U.S. 5,371,654, col. 11, lines 34-51. The Examiner has provided no specification comments on claims 30 to 52. Thus there is written description support for claims 29 and 30 to 52 which depend therefrom. In view thereof withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

In view of the changes to the claims and the remarks herein, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider the above-identified application. If the Examiner wishes to discuss the application further, or if additional information would be required, the undersigned will cooperate fully to assist in the prosecution of this application.

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If the above-identified Examiner's Action is a final Action, and if the above-identified application will be abandoned without further action by applicants, applicants file a Notice of Appeal to the Board of Appeals and Interferences appealing the final rejection of the claims in the above-identified Examiner's Action. Please charge deposit account 09-0468 any fee necessary to enter such Notice of Appeal.

In the event that this amendment does not result in allowance of all such claims, the undersigned attorney respectfully requests a telephone interview at the Examiner's earliest convenience.

MPEP 713.01 states in part as follows:

Where the response to a first complete action includes a request for an interview or a telephone consultation to be initiated by the examiner, ... the examiner, as soon as he or she has considered the effect of the response, should grant such request if it appears that the interview or consultation would result in expediting the case to a final action.

Respectfully submitted,

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